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Applicant: JACOBSON
Serial No.: 09/175,589
Filed: OCTOBER 20, 1998
Due Date: APRIL 19, 2001
Title: ELECTRONIC RECORD MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Examiner: RUAY LIAN HO
Group Art Unit: 2771
Docket: 12369.5US01

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2000, Applicant provides the following Amendments and Remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 13, and 17 as follows:

Sub B1
A1
1. A method for managing an electronic record in a distributed computing environment, comprising the steps of:
creating an electronic tag that uniquely identifies an electronic record;
storing the electronic tag; and
distributing the electronic record associated with the electronic tag.

A2 Sub B2
13. [Amended] An apparatus for managing electronic records on a in a distributed computing environment, the apparatus comprising: